

# Hongkong Telegraph

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SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... 500,000

#### HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

## BANKERS.

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [18]

### THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... \$2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... 351,093.15-0

## BANKERS.

CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

#### HEAD OFFICE:

No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

## BRANCHES:

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

## AGENCIES:

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

## RATES OF INTEREST.

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained  
on application.  
Every description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted.

## CHARTREY INCHBALD,

### Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [187]

## THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... \$1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... 1,180,000

## BANKERS:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

## INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS

at the rate of 4 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

## ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 4 " "  
" 3 " ..... 3 " "

## JOHN THURBURN,

### Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

## Insurances.

### THE STANDARD.

#### ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [177]

## NOTICE.

### THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

#### HEAD OFFICE:

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAEIS. 500,000. [183,533.33]

EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND [183,000.00]

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEK MOON, Esq.  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

## MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the world.

#### HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [197]

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

#### PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW  
(TUESDAY), the 19th December, 1893,  
AT 2.30 P.M.,

at his SALE ROOMS, QUEEN'S ROAD, AN INVOICE OF

JAPANESE WARE,  
Just received.

Comprising—  
KIOTO, TAIZAN, SATSUMA and SHIPO VASES, JARS, PLATES, INCENSE-BURNERS, TEA and COFFEE SETS, BRONZES, ENAMELLED WARE and LACQUER WARE.

EMBROIDERIES, KAKIMONOS, EMBROIDERED SCREENS, and SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, &c. &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1893. [1359]

### IMPORTANT SALE OF RACE PONIES.

IN consequence of the OWNER'S early departure for Home, the following RACE PONIES will be offered at PUBLIC AUCTION at Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, unless privately disposed of prior to that date:—

BOVRIL, the best long-distance pony in China.

MAJESTIC, conqueror of the unrivalled Hero in the Criterion Stakes, and winner of many Races in Hongkong and Shanghai.

BEEWING, winner of the Shanghai Maiden and other races; and BRIGAND, second in the Shanghai Griffin.

Address: F. E. AUBERT, Shanghai.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1893. [1367]

### 11C-KISTMAII

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

OF FANCY GOODS AND ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS PRESENTS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

#### PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON FRIDAY, the 22nd December, 1893, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALE ROOMS, PRINCE STREET, A FINE SELECTION OF

FANCY GOODS, Comprising:—

FANCY CLOCKS, PHOTO ALBUMS, FANCY MIRRORS, LADIES' NECKTIES, GLOVE-BAGS, BRONZES, FANCY GLASS VASES, FINE PORCELAIN, JARDINIERS, &c. &c.

MAJOLICA VASES and FIGURES, MECHANICAL TOYS, SETS of BILLIARD BALLS, OIL-PAINTINGS, ILLUSTRATED CATHOLIC BIBLES, GIFT and PICTURE BOOKS, LEATHER and PLUSH GOODS, &c., &c., &c.

A SMALL QUANTITY OF FINE HAVANA CIGARS, And, A FINE SELECTION OF JAPANESE WARE, Comprising:—

INLAIN CABINETS, BRONZES, SILK EMBROIDERED SCREENS and WALL HANGINGS, IVORY & MOTHER OF PEARL INLAIN PANELS, LACQUERED COVERED ALBUMS with Views of JAPANESE SCENERY and JAPANESE LIFE, OLD SWORDS, &c., COFFEE, TEA and BREAK-FAST SETS, WALL PLATES, &c. &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. On view from Thursday, the 21st instant.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1893. [1373]

### Amusements.

#### THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF THE COMIC OPERA

"PRINCESS TOTO," BY GIEBERT and CLAY.

On the following dates:—  
December 26th, 28th and 30th, 1893, and  
January 3rd, 6th, 9th and 13th, 1894.

Certain times at 7 P.M. precisely, each night.

Prices: \$1, \$2, \$3.

Seats for any or all Performances can be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s on and after TUESDAY, the 19th December, from 10 A.M.

Books of the Words of the Songs, price 25 cents, at the Bookkeeping Office.

A free Tea will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the Curtains, each night.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1893. [1391]

### Masonic.

#### VICTORIA LODGE

HONGKONG, No. 1025.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

By Order of the Warrant, the 19th December, 1893. [1392]

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 22nd December, at 8.30 p.m. precisely.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1893. [1393]

## Intimations.

### W. BREWER.

#### HAS JUST OPENED

A FINE Collection of New Fancy Goods in PLUSH, HAND-PAINTED SILK, RUSSIA and other fine Leather Goods.

Handsome Boxed American Christmas Cards. Autograph Christmas Cards very pretty & cheap.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS. Great variety of Children's Books for Christmas. All the Annual Volumes for Boys and Girls.

Handsomely bound Books for presents. New Framed Pictures.

STYLOGRAPHIC PENS. DANCING PUMPS LADIES SHOES. TENNIS BATS, SHOES, BALLS.

New French Novels. Christmas Nos. of Graphic Illustrated, "PEARL," "BLACK and WHITE," "QUEEN."

W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD. [1369]

### W. POWELL & CO.

TREMENDOUS SHOW OF CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A LADY.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A GENTLEMAN.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A CHILD.

IMMENSE VARIETY. ALL NEW GOODS.

W. POWELL & CO. H. K. 9th December, 1893. [1368]

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW TOBACCOS.

SMITH'S Bright Cut Navy. do. Flaked Gold Leaf. do. Glasgow Mixture. do. Calumet Mixture.

WILLS' "Captain" Navy Cut. do. Bird's Eye. do. Westward Ho! Mixture. do. Golden Flake. do. "Traveller" Golden Flake.

LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE CIGARS.

PIPES and TOBACCONISTS' SUNDRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. Hongkong, 2nd December, 1893. [1357]

### DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East, 68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [1345]

### THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 52.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pender's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Office.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE RED ROOMS, with adjoining Bathrooms, are lofty and well ventilated; open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager. Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [1368]

### CARMICHAEL & Co., LD.

ARE now showing a very Fine Selection of CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, CABBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES, CAJAL and BOWERS BUTTER, SCOTCH, EVERTON TOFFEE, RUSSIAN TOFFEE and ALMOND ROCK, TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS, ALBUMS, suitable for Christmas presents, and a very large Selection of PHOTO FRAMES.

CANADIAN PRODUCE: MCLAREN'S GLASS JAR CHERESSE.

SALTED SALMON ..... 10 cents per lb. SALMON BELLIES ..... 15 cents per lb. SALMON STEAKS (1 lb. tin) ..... 10 cents per tin.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [1352]

### KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY.....PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.

FOOLSCAP SIZE, THREE DAYS TO A PAGE, INTER-LEAVED WITH BLOTTING-PAPER.

THE IMPERIAL ENGLISH-AND CHINESE DIARY FOR 1894.

with the Dates in ENGLISH and CHINESE, and Special localised Information.

THE IMPERIAL ENGLISH-AND CHINESE DATE BOOK. Printed in RED and BLACK, with space for Memoranda.

PRICE.....25 CENTS.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, PUBLISHERS.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [1355]

## Intimations.

### THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the Registered Office of the Company 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 21st day of December at 3 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the report of General Managers with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [1356]

### THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, until NOON of SATURDAY, the 30th instant, for the RENTING for a term of Years of all the ADVERTISING SPACE along the Company's line of rail, including Stations and Shelters, subject to a reservation for that space required for the Company's own use.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1893. [1372]

### THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE BUFFET and the LADIES' WAITING ROOMS adjoining, will be OPEN to the PUBLIC in a few days.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [1360]

### HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the CITY HALL, at NOON, on FRIDAY, 22nd December, 1893.

The Committee hope that all those who take any interest in the work of the Society will be present.

F. H. MASTER, Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1893. [1329]

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ,

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast) Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c.: Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co. Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1289]

### WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND GLASGOW.

13, QUEEN'S ROAD, Hongkong, 14th August, 1893. [1030]

### EAST POINT DAIRY AND FARMING COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM the 16th instant and until further notice the PRICES for the COMPANY'S PRODUCE will be as follows:—

FRESH MILK.....1 Imperial Pint Bottle, 6 Cents.

FRESH MILK.....Ordinary Pint Bottle, 5 Cents.

FRESH BUTTER.....Per Fat, 25 Cents.

SPECIAL TERMS for yearly or half-yearly contracts.

A. RUMJAHN, Secretary & Manager.

31, QUEEN'S ROAD, Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [1357]

### THE PHARMACY, 35, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address. The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries, and Patent Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.

FLETCHER & Co. Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [1044]

### NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st December next,

NO CHITS will be taken in the following Hotels, "THE VICTORIA HOTEL," "THE PEAK HOTEL," "THE KOWLOON HOTEL," DORABJEE NOWROJEE, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1893. [1262]

### NGAI SHANG, 23, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

RATTAN FURNITURE of Every Description, CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c. Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Chinese and English, Canton Road and Sundries of all kinds.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1893. [1395]

## Intimations.

### XMAS CARDS, AT 10 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

AS CHRISTMAS is approaching, the Undersigned is Selling his Large and Varied Stock of XMAS CARDS at a Discount of 10 per cent.

H. RUTTONJEE, Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [1353]

### NOW IN THE PRESS!

TO BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE, 1894.

### "THE DESTINY OF MAN," BY CHESNEY DUNCAN.

(Author of "Corra and the Powers," "All is not Gold that Glitters," &c.)

Being an analysis of all religious texts, with deductions drawn from facts and observations and containing chapters on "And the World was" and "Man's Destiny."







exchange ideas as well as goods. And all this by pacific means. In furtherance of such a cause I would urge no extra expense this school may entail on the colony. On the contrary, I shall be prepared to join in a vote for any additional expenditure that may be proposed by Government for the purpose of educating the Chinese. Considering the progress the school has made during the past year, I believe that ere long we shall find it as popular among the Chinese as Victoria College has proved, and then, as in the case of that establishment, the applications for admittance will exceed the accommodation at our disposal. There is another and a very important point in connection with the education of girls in this colony I should like to touch upon. It must never be lost sight of that the position of woman in China is at present a degraded one. She is regarded as an inferior being in most ranks of life, and the lowest is too often a mere beast of burden, treated little better than the Red Indian squaws. Education will do very much to rectify this injustice, by raising the status of women and placing them more on a level with the stronger sex. It will also, I hope, in the course of time, lead to the extinction of woman-slavery and all its horrors in China. As one means towards a humane and beneficent end, I trust this movement for the better education of Chinese girls in Hongkong will command the universal support of all classes of the community. Your Excellency, I am glad to note that the learning of Chinese is optional in this school. I hope the same system will soon be adopted in all the public schools of the Colony. Some twelve years ago the then Governor appointed a commission to inquire as to whether or not it would be advisable to abolish the teaching of Chinese in our schools. I had the honor to be a member of that Commission, but unfortunately for the question under discussion, the Chairman presiding had from the commencement a strong bias in favor of instruction in Chinese, and he succeeded in convincing almost all my colleagues to his views. It was up-hill work therefore for me, but with a good deal of persuasion I got the Commission to modify their decision, with the result that we recommended that the four hours then devoted to Chinese should be reduced to two and a half per hour. Now I go further than that. Seeing that it requires pretty nearly a lifetime to acquire a thorough knowledge of Chinese, and that the majority of the parents with their children to learn English only, bearing in mind that two hours and a half is insufficient time for the purpose, and is therefore wasted in attempting its acquisition, and remembering how much can be done in learning English in that time, I will maintain, be it said to the chagrin of the Chinese in our schools, that the teaching of Chinese in our schools can be readily acquired by a sufficient knowledge of their own language in their homes, after they have completed their English education. One is never too old for the pursuit of learning, and in China do we not hear uneducated cases of nonagenarians going up to the literary examinations to compete for the much-coveted degree? I believe, Sir, that if another Commission were appointed to consider the question, I have referred to after the experience we have had of the failure of the system in vogue, its verdict would be adverse to the one recorded by the last Education Commission, and that there would be little opposition to the abandonment of the study of Chinese in our schools. By imparting a sound knowledge of English to (let us hope) an ever-increasing number of Chinese on this island, who will subsequently have for different parts of the neighboring empire, we shall be taking the very best means to promote by their instrumentality a true knowledge of our civilization, our aims and hopes, to the end that erroneous notions often attributed to mischievous results concerning Western nations will be dispelled, and the foundation of good mutual understanding be laid. In this way really friendly relations between England and China will be established, and all causes of dispute avoided, paving the way for the peaceful advance of China to a yet higher civilization than that which it has for ages enjoyed. With these remarks I have much pleasure in handing to your Excellency the keys of the building, and I beg to request you kindly to walk up and open the edifice, and to allow the several classes of students standing here to go in and occupy their respective school-rooms.

The Governor then took the key which Mr. Bellios handed to him, and opened the door. Mr. Bellios took Lady Robinson into the building, and the school children were marched in, followed by as many of the spectators as could squeeze in. Amid some confusion, Lady Robinson was presented with a bouquet by one of the school girls.

In acknowledging the present, Lady Robinson said:—Ladies and gentlemen, and girls, I scarcely think I am qualified to make a speech after the Governor, but you will, I consider, my presumption least, have been able to find some right when you learn that my remarks are supposed to be addressed to the girls alone, many of whom are old friends of mine, so to speak. You have heard from the Governor and Dr. Eitel how much the Colony has already owed to Mr. Bellios, and how much more the debt has been increased this afternoon by the bestowal of this building for the girls of Hongkong. We "grown-up" people can only express our gratitude to Mr. Bellios in words, but the little girls in the power to show it by deeds, and it will be well if you fully realize that each one of you individually owes something to Mr. Bellios. The best way for you to show your appreciation of his benevolence and generosity is by steady application to your studies, and by making the most of the advantages which you will receive in this school, and, in short, by emulating the busy bee of our childhood, who proves each thing "honey" that you put under its feet as a rule. (Applause.) Mr. Bellios, of course, very naturally values the admiration and esteem of the community, but his highest and best reward must come from you girls, and must have its origin in the knowledge that in this building, over whose erection he has spent so much, some of the future wives and mothers of Hongkong are receiving a training such as will enable them to perform the duties to which their station in life may call them. For you must all remember, girls, that even such common tasks as making a bed and sweeping a room may be better done with intelligence is applied to the performance of the work. (Applause.) The only thing to mar the complete success of this interesting ceremony is the absence of Mr. Bellios. (Hear, hear.) We miss his kind and sympathetic presence, and we must regret that he is not among us to-day, to give his loving support to Mr. Bellios in what must have been one of the proudest and happiest moments of his life. (Cheers.) I thank you, girls, for this bouquet of the flowers, alas! I must soon fade away, but the recollection of this afternoon will long live in the memory of each one of us. (Loud applause.)

The proceedings then terminated, and also for the Hon. E. K. Bellios, C.M.G., and also for the Governor and Lady Robinson.

#### SATURDAY'S TOURNAMENT.

On Saturday night the assault-course and athletic tournament got up by the Victoria Recreation Club and the Gaiety Club, practically an annual fixture—was held in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, which was more than crowded with an appreciative audience, including parties from Government House and Hongkong.

House. And the sports were as intense as they were numerous, frequently appealing with enthusiasm in spite of the little details which, due probably to the able stage-manager (Mr. W. Farmer) being laid up with a twisted knee, mirrored the success of what ought to have been the best show of its kind ever seen in Hongkong. Many of the items were very well given. The boxing—Thomas and Glyn, heavy weights, and Dewar and Hussey, middle weights—was splendid, and nothing prettier, sounder, or more thoroughly scientific could have been desired. The black-jacks elicited roars of laughter, seriously threatening fatal results among the audience. In the calisthenic department, there was a very fine exhibition of Indian club tricks, besides other exercises in great variety. When the organizers of the show tried higher flights, however, they made a fearful exhibition. A London Street Scene, according to the programme, turned out to be a rustic lane with trees and fields, and picturesque ruins; somebody tried to shove a wing of an Afghan fortress through it, and altogether the whole thing was more amusing than successful. Next came an "attack on All Musjid," with lots of noise and suffocating smoke, and colored fire, and the band playing "Conquering Hero." That concluded the proceedings.

#### HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Seven competitors turned out on Saturday last to compete for the Short Range Cup, which fell to Lieut.-Col. Molyneux, who totalled 73, including a handicap allowance of 14 points. Colonel Molyneux also took the Handicap Spoon, whilst for the highest net score was won by Commander Ashe, R.N., with a total of 57. The scores were:—

| Men.           | Col. Molyneux. | 500 | 400 | 300 | 200 | 100 | Grand Total. |
|----------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Col. Molyneux. | 10             | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 73           |
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| Col. Molyneux. | 10             | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 73           |
| Col. Molyneux. | 10             | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 73           |
| Col. Molyneux. | 10             | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 73           |
| Col. Molyneux. | 10             | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 73           |

#### NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s steamship *China*, Capt. Wm. Ward, from San Francisco via Yokohama, with mails up to Nov. 21st, arrived in port yesterday morning. From our San Francisco exchanges we take the following telegrams:—

NEW YORK, November 16th.  
Pete McCoy, the well-known boxer, along with the John L. Sullivan combination, was drowned while on the way to this port on the *Scranton*, from New York.

ROME, November 16th.  
Giuseppe Schumann, who is serving a life sentence for murder, has inherited \$400,000 from a relative in Russia. He is a desperate criminal, and has been sentenced for having killed the Count and Countess Modrone.

NEW YORK, November 16th.  
The *Harvard* correspondent at La Libertad cables: Officers of the United States war ship *Albatross* have taken the testimony of the officers and passengers of the steamer *Costa Rica* regarding the firing on that vessel by Honduras while flying the American flag because her captain refused to surrender to the *Albatross*.

The *Albatross* will take Minister Young to Annapolis. Minister Baker goes to the capital.

VIENNA, November 16th.  
The Emperor, as King of Hungary, has signed the civil marriage bill.

BOSTON, November 16th.  
Complete corrected returns give Greenhalge (R.) for Governor, 34,105 plurality, a Republican net gain over 1897 of 40,512. The House will send 157 Republicans and 6 Democrats.

The consensus of opinion in a series of interviews with leading Massachusetts Republicans seems to point towards McKinley as this State's choice for the next Republican candidate for President. The only other candidate mentioned is Thomas B. Reed. He has not as many outspoken admirers as the man from Ohio.

ALBANY (N. Y.), November 16th.  
Governor Flower said this morning that a card campaign might show the Democrats have a majority in the State Senate.

LONDON, November 16th.  
A dispatch to the *Times* from Vienna says: The return to office at Athens of Mr. Tricoupi is regarded in Vienna as a very serious matter. It says it is certain that he cannot long stay in harmony with the King, who finds his position well-nigh unbearable.

Mr. Henri Rochefort confirms the news regarding the amnesty said to have been granted him and others by the French Government. Mr. Rochefort said that the amnesty was a mere political expedient. He doubted if he would leave London, where he can do much more than in Paris.

The Duke of Devonshire addressed a great meeting of Unionists in Ulster Hall, Belfast, last night. He said that the Gladstone party was demoralized and dare not repeat to the country on the question of Home Rule.

NEW YORK, November 16th.  
The steamer *Forest Breeze* brings 165,000 in gold. Two hundred and eighty-five thousand ounces of silver have been engaged for shipment to-morrow.

ROME, November 16th.  
Casilla, the Inspector-General of Customs, and Chavert, director of the Popolo Romano, have been arrested, charged with being implicated in extensive Custom-House frauds.

BRUXELLES, November 16th.  
Anion-keeper named Ullman and a woman named Metzger were executed to-day at Kasen for the murder of Greenbaum, a cattle-dealer.

VIENNA, November 16th.  
Fifteen years ago Hungary produced 5,000,000 hectolitres of good wine. This year the wine yield is only 3,000,000 hectolitres.

COLOGNE, November 16th.  
The *Ville Zentling* is accordingly for the statement that Mr. Sattoli will be made a Cardinal at the next Papal Consistory. It adds that Sattoli's place in this country will be taken by the Papal Nuncio at the Hague.

ATHEENS, November 16th.  
Mr. Tricoupi is forming the Ministry of former office-holders. The list of names chosen will be submitted to the King to-morrow.

LONDON, November 16th.  
Lord George Hamilton, the first Lord of the Admiralty during the last Conservative administration, in speaking at Harrow to-day said: "If Great Britain is deprived of the command of the sea a large portion of the people will be reduced to a state of permanent destitution. Foreign nations are making great naval progress, and unless we make an immediate and determined effort we shall be at a disadvantage next year. I hope the Government will soon intimate its readiness to prepare to meet the new wants of the navy. If not, it will be the duty of Parliament to make them above their heads."

PARIS, November 16th.  
Kym if the English Government grants the extradition of Dr. Cornelli Heri, which appears improbable, there seems little chance that the great Panamaist would be convicted. He is accused of poisoning Depietre, and the charges have already been declared outlawed by the House of Representatives in the name of the other persons.

The most recent news of Dr. Heri's mental condition is that the tendency to despair has so increased with his lameness, that last night he said he was brought to him by a steady stream

ment of his case he will probably lose his reason, if not his life.

It is tentatively announced that the Government will refuse to receive the Dhomean envoys who have just arrived here.

NEW YORK, November 16th.  
The *World* to-morrow will say: The Galton line, one of the most ancient companies in the transatlantic service, is about to end for all time its passenger service between Liverpool and New York for the reason that the traffic is unprofitable. Its passenger ships *Alaska* and *Arctica* will be sold.

BERLIN, November 16th.  
The winter has fairly set in in the mountain districts of Germany, and the snow is already quite deep, causing much delay to the postal service.

The Berlin Geographical Society had a field-day yesterday, when a banquet was given Dr. von Dyrkowsky, von Hoffen and Studer, who have just returned from an exploring trip to Greenland. The expedition returned with a mass of valuable material, which is now being sifted and classified.

Newly unearthed gambling frauds will shortly occupy the attention of the Criminal Tribunal of Hanover.

Regarding the new tax bills, it is noted that instead of the 60,000,000 marks demanded by ex-Minister Malaprade, Herr Miquel demands 100,000,000 marks, the extra 40,000,000 being occasioned by the new commercial treaties. In radical circles, however, it is asserted that this extra amount is intended to form a reserve fund to cover any possible increases in the army and navy expenditures.

The *Reichsanzeiger* has published an imperial decree, promulgated at the request of Duke Ernst of Schleswig-Holstein (whose sister, Princess Augusta Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, is the present Empress of Germany), which recognizes the dual line of Schleswig-Holstein as a former reigning house of the German Empire.

The decree is important as it gives that branch of the Schleswig-Holstein family to which Duke Ernst belongs an equality in rank with the actually reigning German houses, and was evidently framed with the idea of a stilling advantageous marriage for the Empress's younger sisters, the Princesses Victoria Frederick, Feodora Louise and Feodora Adelaide.

The *Tagblatt* publishes the alleged circumstances of the Emperor's recent hunt hunting expedition in Hubeck. The S. Hube told it in the *Tagblatt* declares, as a mere court display, which in no way reflected credit upon the royal sportsman. The hunt, it is said, was deprived of its tasks and muzzled and was then taken to the scene of the hunt enclosed in a box. When released the brute trotted peacefully away until the Emperor overtook and transfixed the "wild" bear with a spear.

Reports that President Peixoto of Brazil is endeavoring to purchase vessels in Germany received partial confirmation to-day, when it was announced that he had succeeded in purchasing five war ships from a famous ship-building yard near Danzig. The vessels purchased were fast twin-screw torpedo boats, capable of steering twelve knots per hour.

The engagement of the brother of the Empress of Germany, Duke Ernst of Schleswig-Holstein, to Princess Sibyl of Carlsruhe is announced.

The new explosive invented by Dr. Ochs, who was formerly connected with the Krupp works, has caused a fall in dynamite trusts. The invention consists of an explosive cartridge formed out of glass containing a few grammes of water, which, by electricity, through the agency of platinum, is decomposed into its original elements, hydrogen and oxygen, and produces an explosive gas.

ATHENS, November 16th.  
The new Ministry took office at 5 o'clock this evening. The Cabinet is as follows: Tricoupi, Premier and Minister of Finance; Kallivas, Minister of the Interior; St. Epaphros, Minister of Justice and temporary Minister of Foreign Affairs; Kallivas, Minister of Education; Boumboulis, Minister of Education; Boumboulis, Minister of Marine; Tsamandros, Minister of War.

WARSAW, November 16th.  
A dispatch from the Russian Polish town of Lwow says that an explosion in a chemist's shop to-day killed twenty-one people and wounded many more.

LONDON, November 16th.  
The crisis in Egypt has been staved off. The Khedive having been made to see that he must choose between Lord Cromer and Riaz Pasha. It is Hobson's choice, for he cannot dismiss Lord Cromer nor expel the English, and he can dismiss Riaz Pasha. Continued collisions between that honest but narrow-headed vessel and the iron fist can have but one result. He has yielded and promised to behave for the future.

The *Daily News* editorially says: "If the American Government and people have been the Hawaiian matter with astonishing self-control, Hawaii was theirs if they cared to stretch their hands for it. They wanted Hawaii, and were aware that other Powers coveted it, yet President Cleveland refused to take it; yet the strength of national tradition against a policy of colonization. President Harrison thought he might annex it, and did his best to pledge his successors to do so, but President Cleveland refused the bait. The deposed Queen has not protested in vain."

It is impossible to ignore the increasing gravity of the signs of approaching trouble in Italy and Spain. Both nations are completely bankrupt, and both are in imminent danger of the overthrow of the present form of government and the establishment of a dictatorship.

The grim alternative for Italy, in the opinion of many of her statesmen, is a revolution. No other escape from her present predicament is suggested by friends or enemies of the present rulers. Help from abroad was the only resource, and now this hope is gone. The last attempt to give it aid was made by Emperor William a few days ago, when he recommended the purchase of Italian Rentes, and the semi-official press of the empire endorsed them as a good investment. The storm of protest against such deception of the people quickly destroyed the effect of the suggestion.

The terms which France has dictated for the return to Italy of the silver currency which has been drained off, are most significant. Half the amount of 45,000,000 francs must be paid in gold and the balance in notes. The gold can come only from the innermost reserve of the war chest, for Italy has nothing else left.

There are other signs that France is punning a systematic financial campaign against her continental enemies. It has been openly declared this week that a relentless financial war will precede the inevitable military struggle. Austria is already in a bad way, and the serious difficulties in Berlin of the past few weeks threaten to become worse.

Paris is the only impregnable financial capital on the continent, aside from neutral centres like Amsterdam. Her safety lies in the fact that she owes nothing abroad. Every other country is financially involved. France, therefore, stands uninvolved to-day among Continental Powers in army, in navy and financial resources.

The news from Italy has been many days worse than the last. Signor Vallari, Italy's new Cabinet Minister and a powerful leader, publishes a remarkable article in *Roma*, appealing to the King to save the country from the most dangerous crisis since the extinction of the Hapsburgs, by proclaiming a dictatorship which will put an end to the present parliamentary system of the present. Nothing else, he declares, will save

triumph of revolutionary socialism which will destroy existing institutions. The article has won the approval of many conservative persons, and even the selection of the dictator is being discussed. He would be Signor Crispi or some General. Crispi is quoted as saying to his friends that his hour is not yet come, but that when an appeal is made he will be ready. The Government dare not reduce the army or navy for domestic as well as international reasons.

It is easily apparent now that a situation might at any moment arise when England would be most grateful for aid from Italy. The naval conditions in the Mediterranean are still the subject of grave apprehension in England.

Gladstone made a serious mistake in announcing to Parliament this week that, notwithstanding the great increase in foreign navies, the British squadrons afford adequate protection for British interests, and will enable the country to carry out its international engagements. The Premier lavished the obvious remark that, if the fleet is sufficient now, when its positive strength has been diminished and its relative strength, compared with other Powers, diminished in a far greater degree, then the previous force must have been vastly in excess of the country's needs. As a matter of fact, every naval officer knows that from the sea the British fleet in a week.

Gladstone's declaration, therefore, should not be accepted literally. The Government will probably send strong reinforcements to the Mediterranean within a short time, and the naval estimates will soon be heavily increased.

WASHINGTON, November 16th.  
The latest available balance of the Treasury again sustained a loss yesterday, falling below the hundred-million mark, and showing a reduction of about \$500,000, as compared with yesterday.

CHICAGO, November 16th.  
It is reported that the Canadian Pacific will put into effect a cut of about 40 per cent on existing rates between San Francisco and Eastern points. Connections of the Canadian Pacific have received no notice of the reduction, and the cut is probably in arbitrary rates between Portland and San Francisco.

LONDON, November 16th.  
An explosion occurred this morning in the dock of the coal-laden steamer *Drift*, off the foot of Whitehall, killing one man and injuring three others, and causing the vessel to sink. The remainder of the crew were rescued.

The *Standard's* correspondent at St. Petersburg says: "As a strategic measure to secure control of the three principal railways in Russia, in the event of the mobilization of troops, the Government has decided to avail itself of a clause in the concession for acquiring them from the private company which built the roads and pay a compensation in the sum of \$5,000,000. The roads run from St. Petersburg to Moscow, from St. Petersburg to Warsaw, and from Moscow to Nijni Novgorod."

Phil Schlegel, defaulting paying teller of the Bank of Minneapolis, and Frank Floyd, his accomplice, were arrested at Southampton to-night on board the steamer from New York. Mr. Gill of the Bank of Minneapolis identified the men. Schlegel and Floyd made a violent resistance to arrest, and Schlegel tried to use a revolver. Two revolvers were taken from each man. They are handcuffed and locked up in a cell. They will be brought to London to-morrow. The baggage of the men, supposed to contain the bulk of the stolen money, was seized.

It is reported that the Times are preparing an Irish Home Rule scheme, which will be published after the return of Chamberlain to England. A dispatch to the *News* from Madrid says that an English newspaper correspondent has been expelled from Madrid.

PARIS, November 16th.  
The French Government has sent three special Commissioners of Police to the Spanish frontier with instructions to take every precaution possible to prevent the anarchists crossing the boundary. The Spanish Government has pledged itself to take similar action on the other side of the frontier whenever called upon by the French Government. It is understood that the German, Austrian and Italian Governments have sent additional instructions to their frontier police.

An Italian anarchist of the name of Antonio Rinaldi, arrested at Servian, is believed to have been the author of the dynamite outrage in the theatre of Barcelona.

M. Guorin, Minister of Justice, resigned to-day in consequence of the fact that one of his private reports, which had been dropped by a messenger boy, was published. Dupuy declined to accept the resignation.

The Serbian Ambassador was attacked this evening by Bouillon Duval and was stabbed twice by a journeyman shoemaker. The motive of the assault is, as yet, unknown.

There are reports of an impending Ministerial crisis in Italy which seems to be based on very credible authority. The Spanish situation in Morocco is bad.

WASHINGTON, November 16th.  
The British Ambassador has entered into negotiations with Gresham for the settlement of the claims of the British sealers seized in Behring Sea previous to the *medus vendit* of 1897. It is said the amount of the indemnity claimed by the Canadian Government will not exceed \$500,000.

MADRID, November 16th.  
A report has been made to the Queen on the disaster at Santander. It says it will take a long time to repair the damage to the city and to the public buildings, including the offices of the Governor, Collector of Taxes, Customs House, and the Police. The loss of the houses on the bridge, the bridge, is estimated at \$2,500,000. Eighty persons are still missing. The latest reports put the number of killed at 250 and the wounded at 400.

PARIS, November 16th.  
It has been decided to prosecute the anarchist paper *Le Petit Peuple* for extolling the Barcelona dynamite bomb outrage.

Premier was to-day elected president of the Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 391 to 197, defeating Brisson.

BERLIN, November 16th.  
Vergely, the socialist writer, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment at Dortmund on account of an article he wrote assailing the Prince-Bishopric had falsified the famous Xmas dispatch. Counsel for the defendant asked that Prince-Bishopric be summoned or submit a statement to the effect that he had not altered the text of the dispatch which was in the way of 1897-98 between France and Germany. The tribunal refused the request, and the instance of the Public Prosecutor, who declared that Prince-Bishopric had merely copied the phrase: "A big note for capitalization," into "A trumpet call for a charge" in order to force a declaration of war. It was not, however, permitted to call the Prince a forger on that account.

THEODOR WACHTEL, the leader, is dead. A meeting of anarchists was held at the City Hall to-morrow, the hanging of the Chicago anarchists. The police interfered and broke up the meeting.

CHICAGO, November 16th.  
Solty Shilt, the feather-weight champion of the Pacific Coast, recently defeated by George Dixon, went Jim Murphy of Los Angeles, under the ropes and beat with a left-hand swinging blow in the third round as the athletic journal here last night.

#### SHOCKING ACCIDENT ON THE "PHRA NANG" AT BANGKOK.

A serious accident occurred on the Scottish Orient Line's steamer *Phra Nang* in Bangkok on Tuesday night, the 11th inst., at about 8 o'clock. In common with the rest of the vessels in harbour the *Phra Nang* displayed strings of lanterns, etc., in honor of the jubilee festivities, and the first and second officers supervised the discharge of a number of rockets. The supply of detonators was at length exhausted, and Capt. Walton, who was present, mentioned that "that would do," and went ashore. The mates—Messrs. Jno. Laurie and G. Phillips—were desirous of letting off the last two, however, and accordingly set to work to ignite the bomb with gunpowder. The projectile, it may be explained, is fired from a socket in the deck, and when properly fired is shattered in the air by a small charge of gun-cotton. The explosion of the gun-cotton in the socket caused the gun-cotton to go off prematurely, and the wooden casing of the rocket, together with the copper tube inside, was driven in all directions. Mr. Phillips, the second officer, was according to the *Star* *Observer*, thrown with great force, and sustained terrible injuries, there being over a score of wounds on his body, in addition to concussion of his brain. Mr. Laurie escaped with a few cuts, though he also required medical attendance, and it is possible that he may be unable to leave with the ship to-day. The deck and bulkheads were damaged to some extent. Dr. Denner spent some three hours stitching up poor Phillips' wounds, and afterwards Dr. Hays took charge. His recovery is very doubtful, however, as he lies in a comatose condition.

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WONDROUS MYSTERY.

The above IMPERIAL TROUPE of WONDROUS MYSTERY has been especially brought from Peking, and will perform in St. Andrew's Hall, on

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, the 20th and 21st inst.

Seats may now be booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd.

W. FARMER, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1899. [137]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that on FRIDAY, the 22nd December, at 3 P.M., the privilege of FARMING the GRANITE QUARRIES in the Island of Hongkong during the year 1904, as also a like MONOPOLY for AUCTION, will be put up to PUBLIC AUCTION, by the Government Office.

1.—The Monopoly in each case will begin on the 1st January, 1904, and terminate on the 31st December, 1904.

2.—The highest bidder above the upset price will be recommended to His Excellency the Governor as the purchaser; but His Excellency reserves the right of not accepting the highest bid. If any dispute arise in regard to any bid, the Monopoly may be put up again at a former bidding.

3.—No person shall at any bidding advance less than \$50.

4.—Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the highest bidder shall sign a Memorandum of Agreement for completing the purchase according to these conditions, and shall thereafter when required give security of two householders, approved by the Government, to the amount of one-twelfth of the total annual premium, for the due fulfilment of the Contract, if approved by His Excellency the Governor.

5.—The Monthly Premium shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury in advance upon the first day of each month.

6.—Persons desirous of bidding at either of the two Auctions are directed to call at the Director of Public Works' Office, where further particulars may be obtained.

By Command, G. T. M. O'BRIEN, Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1899. [137]

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

OWING to the GYMKHANA there will be NO COMPETITION on SATURDAY, 23rd December.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1899. [51]

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Victoria Preceptory will be held on FRIDAY, the 22nd inst., at 5.30 for 6 p.m., precisely. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 18th December, 1899. [137]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION, No. 51.

NOTICE is hereby given that MONDAY, the 14th inst., and MONDAY, the 22nd inst., 1904, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the Kowloon Customs Office. Work at the Optum Examination Hall and Customs Stations will proceed as usual.

H. E. HOBSON, Commissioner of Customs



